



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**American Recovery  
and Reinvestment Act**



**Public Hearing Announcement of Draft Intended Use Plans and Project Priority list  
for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funds  
DWSRF and CWSRF Public Hearing**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) will hold a public hearing on April 3, 2009, at 9:00 am in the auditorium located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plans (IUP) and Project Priority Lists (PPL) for projects funded in part through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

A joint CWSRF and DWSRF presentation will commence at 9:00 am followed by a formal public hearing on the CWSRF IUP and PPL from 9:30 am to 11:00 am and on the DWSRF IUP and PPL from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Oral and written comments will be accepted from the public at the hearing. Written comments will also be accepted until 4:00 pm, April 10, 2009. DES will give consideration to each comment received. Please address all written comments as follows:

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The IUPs for both CWSRF and DWSRF programs identify the intended uses of the SRF funds. The IUP includes the criteria and weighting system used to score each pre-application project for SRF funds and the PPL. The PPL is a list in rank order of the projects after scoring. The IUPs and PPLs are preliminary and will not be finalized until after the close of the public comment period. Changes to the IUP and PPL may also occur over time if, for example, applicants do not obtain the required authority to borrow funds, applicants opt to secure funds from other funding agencies or applicants fail to award a construction contract within the time required by ARRA. In those cases, projects will be removed from the PPL and remaining projects will advance accordingly.

It is important to note that the CWSRF and DWSRF are *loan* programs; funds from these programs will be made available through a loan agreement and not a grant. All conventional SRF rules apply to ARRA funded projects; however, ARRA adds additional

conditions to loan agreements including the use of Davis Bacon wage rates and Buy American provisions.

In order to provide the greatest amount of project funding possible, the CWSRF and DWSRF programs will use all available ARRA funds toward loan principal forgiveness and match that amount with SRF funds to double the amount of funds available for projects. Each funded project will have 50% of its borrowed principal forgiven at the time of loan repayment. Therefore, borrowers will have to appropriate the entire amount of the project cost before a loan agreement may be executed.

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